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This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

In the news today:

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SPECIAL WOMEN'S DAY INTECNET

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

GRAHAM HARTLETT ZS6GJH ELECTED PRESIDENT

At the Council meeting held by teleconference on Tuesday evening 5 August 2003, Graham Hartlett ZS6GJH was unanimously elected President of the SARL. Graham takes over from Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ who resigned at the end of July. Peter Hers ZS6PHD was elected as the new Vice President of the SARL. SARL News congratulates Graham and Peter on their appointments and wishes them the best of luck.

DAVE LONG ZS5FR AWARDED THE SIEMENS RADIO AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2003.

Promotion of satellite activity, weather satellites as an educational tool in schools, home construction projects and bringing university students into Amateur Radio earned Dave Long ZS5FR the Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year Award for 2003. The award will be presented at a breakfast function to be held in Johannesburg on 21 August where Dave will make a presentation about

his projects to the sponsors of the award, the media and invited guests. Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV will make a brief presentation on Convergence in Amateur Radio.

Dave will receive a cheque of R1500 and a certificate from the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust, a 2003 ARRL Handbook from ECS and a laser pointer pen from Telkom.

Tickets to the function are R150 per person, but five SARL News and Amateur Radio International listeners can win each a free invitation to attend this event. Simply send an email to saardt@intekom.co.za with your contact details or a fax to 012 991 5651. The closing date is Friday 15 August 2003 when the lucky names will be drawn.

Only one nomination was received for the junior award but did not meet the criteria for the award. The judges decided not to make an award in this category. They expressed their disappointment at the lack of interest in nominating young people for the award and expressed the hope that branches and clubs will give more response next year.

SARL MEETS WITH ICASA

A meeting was held on Tuesday 05 August 2003 between the SARL and ICASA. On the agenda for this meeting were the introduction of new councilors, the WRC 03 recommendations and the way forward and the status of the Amendments to the Regulations as previously presented. ICASA officials were brought up to date with changes at the SARL.

The WRC 03 recommendations and the issue around Morse code were discussed; with reference to the speed of reaction internationally, the changes made internationally and the emotion of the SA Ham community on this topic. ICASA stated that they would have to go public and solicit comments from all interested parties, and that their recommendation on this matter would not be based solely on the recommendations of the SARL. The SARL delegation then suggested a process and offered our services in this regard, this offer was accepted by ICASA.

ICASA stated that they were "not sure" of the status of the previously submitted amendments and would look into the matter. The SARL will follow up in a week.

The issue of the new fee was raised; ICASA explained the components of the fee stating it is effective with immediate effect.

ICASA stated that they currently receive the weekly bulletins and find them of value, requesting that this service continue.

The full minutes of this meeting will be published on the SARL website.

SARL MEMBERSHIP

Graham ZS6GJH reported to SARL News that membership of the SARL is growing at a steady rate and the council would like to thank all the paid up

members for their continued support. And to all the HAMs out there who have not yet got around to paying their subs, do the right thing, support the League and let's move forward in our hobby.

FIRST WINNER OF DISCOUNT VOUCHER

SARL News is pleased to announce the first of the monthly winners drawn at the NARC open day held on Saturday 2nd August 2003, for the 10% discount voucher offered by Multisource for equipment purchased from Multisource. Congratulation to John Ingram ZS6HK. John, the SARL office will be in touch with you to arrange the delivery of your discount voucher.

SARL COST SAVINGS

Since the adoption of teleconferencing as the Council's preferred method of conducting meetings we are pleased to report the following savings. The first marathon teleconference Council meeting lasted 3½ hours, there were seven councillors at the NARC and seven on teleconference links, we were able to get through the entire agenda and apart from some minor technical issues in the beginning the process was a great success. The adoption of this process has enabled us to have more frequent meetings at significantly less expense.

The total cost of the first Teleconference meeting was R843,26 for the call charges, compared to the traditional method that would have cost in the region of R8 000,00 to R9 000,00. This is a saving of approx R7 000,00 per meeting. It is the Council's intention to continue with teleconference as the preferred method of conducting council meetings. It is however planned to get all councillors together for the mid year strategy and planning session. Well done to the team that recommended this approach at the AGM and SGM - it works!

INTECNET TO LOOK AT WOMEN IN AMATEUR RADIO

Join the INTECNET on Sunday evening 10th August at 20:00 for a discussion on Women in Amateur Radio. Branches and Clubs are invited to join the network by linking their repeaters. Send details of the telephone number to be used to link to the teleconference network to armi@sarl.org.za before noon today. Join the discussion on a repeater near you or on 3718 kHz.

CONGRATULATIONS

It has been brought to the attention of SARL News that Andrew Roos ZS1AN got married to Stacey Hobbs ZR1SC yesterday, the 9th August. We wish the happy couple every thing of the best in their future.

CLUB NEWS

Members of the Bloemfontein Radio Amateur Club will be providing communications for the 22nd Mountain Trial to be held on Saturday 16 August in the Barkly East, Lady Grey and Aliwal North districts.

On Saturday 16th August, the Oakdale ARC will be hosting another open day, with the objective of promoting interaction between the various clubs and individual amateurs in the Western Cape. Starting at 11:00, this event will be held in the main recreation room at Oakdale, so will be under cover. This includes the braai areas that will be available for those not opting for a lunch chosen from a comprehensive menu supplied by our excellent kitchen! Tables will be available for flea market goods on a 1st come 1st served basis. There will also be a variety of static and operational displays of amateur radio related items. Bar facilities will be available.

At the Annual General Meeting of the North West Amateur Radio Club held on Saturday 2nd August 2003, the following new committee was elected:

Chairman Chris Richter ZR6CTR; Vice Chairman Johan Moolman ZS6AWL; Secretary Belinda Richter ZR6BDR; Treasurer Willie Jones ZR6WHJ; Social Carel Wentzel ZS6CFW; Technical/BBS Rudolf Nagel ZR6JRN.

Thanks to the retired committee members and the best of luck to the new committee for the task ahead.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 10 August: Hamnet Bulletin at 16:30 on 10,130 and 7,070 MHz; Sunday 10 August Special Women's Day Intecnet at 20:00 CAT; 16 - 17 August: The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, information on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za; 18 August. Closing date for logs for the 2003 SARL HF phone contest. E-mail to contests@sarl.org.za or send by mail to the NARC; 31 August. 2003 HF CW Contest.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS and read by …….from…… as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX